

A Magical Christmas Story Planner with Pip

Learning objective: To plan a narrative story with a festive theme, using descriptive language and a clear structure.

Help Pip the bookworm caterpillar organise his ideas for a brand-new Christmas story! Think about a snowy setting, a kind character, and a special festive event. Use the sections below to draft your plot before you write your story.

Word bank: sparkling · festive · snow-covered · tinsel · tradition · magical · generous · twinkling · wonder · celebration

1. Character Introduction: Who is the main character in your Christmas story and what is one special thing they are doing to prepare for the holidays? (3 marks)

2. Setting the Scene: Describe where your story takes place. Use your senses—what can the character see, hear, or smell in this wintry setting? (3 marks)

3. The Festive Problem: Every good story needs a challenge! What small problem does your character face while getting ready for Christmas? (3 marks)

4. The Solution: How does your character solve their problem? Think about how they show kindness or clever thinking. (3 marks)

5. The Happy Ending: How does the story finish? Describe the feeling of joy or peace at the end of your Christmas tale. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose two adjectives from the word bank and write them into your sentences to make your story descriptions even more vivid for the reader.